UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

DALEN PRODUCTS, INC., Plaintiff, v. SIX HOGS, LLC, Defendant.	)))))))	No. 3:17-CV-131

ORDER

This matter having recently come before this Court,

IT IS ORDERED that a motion pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b) is discouraged if the defect can be cured by filing an amended pleading. Therefore, the parties must meet and confer prior to the filing of a motion to dismiss to determine whether it can be avoided. The duty to confer also applies to parties appearing *pro se*. Consequently, a motion to dismiss must be accompanied by a notice indicating that the parties have conferred to determine whether an amendment could cure a deficient pleading, and have been unable to agree that the pleading is curable by a permissible amendment.

MOTIONS TO DISMISS THAT DO NOT CONTAIN THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION ARE SUBJECT TO BEING STRICKEN ON THE COURT'S MOTION.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that *pro se* parties familiarize themselves with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rules for the Eastern District of Tennessee, which can be found on the Court's web site at www.tned.uscourts.gov.

So ordered.

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s/J. RONNIE GREER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE